

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Friday, the 8th May, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Question Nos. 54, 56, 24 and 28 Deferred on 16th April, 2015
(114th Session)*

***Question No. 54 (Def.). Mr. Hidayat Ullah:**
(Notice received on 22-01-2015 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for management of Afghan refugees in the country and their repatriation to Afghanistan?

Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Quadir Baloch: The repatriation of registered Afghan refugees is guided by the principle of voluntarism as embedded in the Tripartite Agreement signed between Governments of Pakistan, Afghanistan and UNHCR valid up to 31st December, 2015.

As per Federal Cabinet decision dated 25-7-2013, the Afghan Refugees having valid Proof of Registration (PoR) cards can stay in Pakistan till 31st December, 2015. However, in the 25th Tripartite Commission meeting held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 11th March, 2015, the Governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan alongwith UNHCR have reaffirmed their commitment for engagement and coordination for devising a joint comprehensive policy envisaging voluntary returns. The said policy will be finalized by mid-year latest by August, 2015 and will be submitted to the Federal Cabinet for further guidance/approval.

***Question No. 56 (Def.). Mr. Saeed Ghani:**
(Notice received on 23-01-2015 at 02:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and membership number of the members of Commoners Town, Islamabad who have been allotted plots of 250/500 Sq yards in DHA, Islamabad indicating also the plot No. allotted, date and amount deposited through cheque in each case; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of members of the said Town have not been allotted plots in DHA, Islamabad, if so, their names and membership Nos. and reasons for not allotting them plots?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The information for the above mentioned question requires comprehensive and detailed working. The same is under process at the concerned quarters and will be provided on receipt. It is, therefore, requested to defer the question.

***Question No. 24 (Def.). Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 03:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the employees of Pakistan Railways whose services have been terminated during the present regime indicating also the reasons for termination in each case;*
- (b) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the employees of Pakistan Railways whose services have been regularized during the present regime; and*
- (c) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons appointed in Pakistan Railways during the present regime?*

Minister for Railways: (a) The services of 151 persons were terminated during the present regime. Out of 151 persons, 121 were terminated in connection with unauthorized absence, 21 were terminated on gross misconduct, 5 were terminated on misappropriation / corruption and 4 were terminated on completion of contract. Details are attached as Annexure A.

(b) The services of 355 persons were regularized in compliance to recommendation of Cabinet Sub Committee on regularization of contract / daily wages employees under the Chairmanship of Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, *ex-Federal Minister*. Details are attached as Annexure-B.

(c) 762 persons were appointed during the present regime. Details are attached as Annexure C. The province wise breakup and department wise breakup are attached as Annexure-D.

The appointments in BS-01 to BS-05 were made through open advertisement followed by physical/skill test. The appointments in BS-06 to BS-15 were made through a centralized screening test conducted by National Testing Service (NTS) after open advertisement followed by an interview. All the appointments are made purely on merit by observing the prescribed provincial/ regional quotas as per Government of Pakistan instructions circulated *vide* Establishment Division's O.M copy attached as Annexure-E.

The appointments in BS-16 and above were made through Federal Public Service Commission.

Following four MP (Management Positions) Scale professionals were appointed on contract basis with the approval of the competent authority on different occasion through open merit on all Pakistan basis:—

1. Advisor, Ministry of Railways, Islamabad
2. DG/Legal, Headquarters Office, Lahore
3. Director / IT, Headquarters Office, Lahore
4. DG/Public Relations, Headquarters Office, Lahore

(Annexures have been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)

***Question No. 28 (Def.). Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 09:00 a. m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the amount allocated and released for development projects in FATA during the current fiscal year with Agency-wise break-up?

Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Quadir Baloch: FATA ADP 2014-15 has been pitched at a size of Rs.17080 million (local component) including Rs. 1708 million for FATA Development Authority (FDA). Out of this allocation, Rs.12310 million with addition of Rs.354.054 as supplementary grant have so far been released by the Federal Government from the total allocated budget. Releases detail is as under:—

– 1st quarter (20%)	– Rs. 3416 million
– 2nd quarter (20%)	– Rs. 3416 million
– 3rd quarter (30%)	– Rs. 5124 million
– Total (70%)	– Rs. 11956 million
Supplementary Grant	Rs. 354.054 million
Grand Total:-	17080 million.

Out of the above releases of the Federal Government, Rs. 10753.699 million has so far been released to FATA Secretariat under the head of FATA-ADP 2014-15, from the approved budget allocation. The remaining releases are under process.

Agency wise allocation and release is at annexure-A.

***Question No. 57. Mr. Farhatullah Babar :**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that banned militant outfits are not allowed to resurrect under a different name or as charity organization;*
- (b) the names of banned organizations in the country which have been resurrected as charity organizations and the names of such charity organization in each case;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Jamatu Dawah (JuD) is a resurrection of a banned organization; and*
- (d) the present status of Jamatu Dawah?*

Reply not received.

***Question No. 58. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 26-03-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure prescribed / laid down for renewal of arms licenses;*
- (b) the number of prohibited and non-prohibited bore arms licenses renewed by NADRA since July, 2013; and*
- (c) the number of those licenses cancelled during the said period?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) Following procedure is adopted for renewal of arms licences:

- i. Once original booklet is verified from MOI, applicant approaches designated NADRA centre for renewal of arms licence.
- ii. Applicant brings his original expired arms licence alongwith CNIC.
- iii. NADRA issues computerized token and applicant is charged with as per prescribed fee.
- iv. Original expired booklet is checked and returned back to applicant.
- v. After processing of renewal application. Applicant is issued with renewed arms licence upto next 5 years.

- vi. Applicant's old expired licence is surrendered at NADRA centre which is further sent for destruction.
- b. NADRA has renewed 14,110 Prohibited Bore and 34,347 Non prohibited Bore cases from July 2013 till 6th April 2015.
- c. 19 licences were cancelled on the request of licensees during the said period.

***Question No. 59. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 26-03-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide bedding facilities, on payment basis, to the passengers of trains during long journey, if so, when?

Minister for Railways: Pakistan Railways is already providing bedding facilities on following has journey trains.

- (i) 1Up/2Dn Khyber Mail (Peshawar-Karachi-Peshawar)
- (ii) 7Up/8Dn Tezgam (Rawalpindi-Karachi-Rawalpindi)
- (iii) 15Up/16Dn Karachi Express (Lahore-Karachi-Lahore)
- (iv) 17Up/18Dn Millat Express (Faisalabad-Karachi-Faisalabad)
- (v) 39Up/40Dn Jaffar Express (Rawalpindi-Quetta-Rawalpindi)
- (vi) 41Up/42Dn Karakoram Express (Lahore-Karachi-Lahore)

The subject facility is provided on payment of Rs.50/- by upper class passengers and Rs.35/- economy class passengers on demand.

***Question No. 60. Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 26-03-2015)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact United Nations, Islamic Relief and other NGOs are working under the control of Ministry of Defence for welfare and protection of the children in the country, if so, the names of projects completed in Balochistan by those organizations from 2008 to 2014 with district-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the names of new projects proposed to be launched by those organizations in that province for the said purpose during 2015-16 with district-wise breakup?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) United Nations, Islamic Relief and other NGOs are not working under the control of Ministry of Defence.

(b) Not applicable

***Question No. 61. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 27-03-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of vehicles purchased by FIA during the last five years indicating also the amount spent thereon with year-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the amount spent on purchase of stationery, arms, ammunition and other major items purchased by the said agency during the said period with item-wise and year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for the purchase of the said items?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) 02 Cars (Toyota Corolla-GLI, Model 2010) were purchased by FIA during the financial year 2010-2011, at the total cost of Rs.2.9 million (@ Rs.1.45 million each).

(b) An amount of Rs. 37.994 million was spent on purchase of stationery and other such items during the years 2009-2014. Item-wise and year-wise detail is available at **Annex-A**.

(c) All the afore-mentioned items were purchased as per PPRA Rules, 2004. However, Arms & Ammunition were purchased from POF Wah, during financial year 2013-2014.

***Question No. 62. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 30-03-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of vehicles, stationery, printing material and other major items purchased by the Directorate of Immigration and Passports during the last five years with item-wise and year-wise break-up indicating also the expenditure incurred on purchase of each item; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for purchase of the said items?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) The details regarding purchase of vehicles, stationery, printing material and other major items by the Department of Immigration and Passports and its Machine Readable Passports Project during the last five years with item-wise and year-wise

break-up including the detail of expenditures incurred on purchase of each item are given at **Annex-“A”** and **Annex-“B”** respectively.

(b) The passport laminating patches were purchased through international bidding process while the rest of the items were purchased through open tendering process and on quotation from local markets against competitive rates, in accordance with PPRA Rules.

***Question No. 63. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 30-03-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of rape cases registered in the country since June, 2013 with district-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of persons arrested, challaned and convicted in the said cases indicating also the present status of each case?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: The total number of rape cases registered in the country since June, 2013: **4960**.

District-wise break-up is attached at **Annex-A**.

Total Persons Arrested: **6632**

Total Challans Submitted: **3645**

Total Convicted: **219**

Present status of the cases is attached at **Annex-A**.

***Question No. 64. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 31-03-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the details of cases of corruption surfaced in FIA during the last five years indicating also the names of officers / officials found involved in those cases and action taken against them?

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: The details of cases of corruption surfaced in FIA during the last five years is as follows:—

S. #	Detail	Total cases
1	Corruption cases disposed of during year 2010	05 cases (Annex-A)

2	Corruption cases disposed of during year 2011	05 cases (Annex-B)
3	Corruption cases disposed of during year 2012	04 cases (Annex-C)
4	Corruption cases disposed of during year 2013	08 cases (Annex-D)
5	Corruption cases disposed of during year 2014	09 cases (Annex-E)
6	Corruption cases disposed of during year 2015 (upto 9-3-2015)	21 cases (Annex-F)
7	Inquiries of corruption cases during year 2015 (upto 9-3-2015)	27 cases (Annex-G)
8	Criminal cases against FIA officials during years 2014-2015	28 cases (Annex-H)
9	Corruption cases registered against officers/ officials of FIA during the last five years.	(Annex-I)

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***Question No. 65. Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 20-04-2015 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Districts Musa Khel, Peshin, Zhob, Sherani, Harnai, Barkhan and Kohlu are deprived of PTV transmissions due to non availability of TV boosters, if so, the time by which the same will be installed in the said districts?

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: It is stated that in District Kohlu and Zhob PTV has established its boosters, whereas District Peshin is being covered by PTV Booster located at Ghazaband. PTV Home transmission is going on air in District Peshin and Zhob, while District Kohlu is being covered by PTV News transmission.

Government of Balochistan has proposed setting up PTV Boosters in Districts Musa khel, Sherani, Harnai. At Barkhan construction activities are in full swing. Due to security situation in above areas, survey has not been conducted. As soon as law & order situation becomes normal, PTV will carry out technical survey.

ISLAMABAD :
The 7th May, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

for Friday, the 8th May, 2015

Question No. 3. Mr. Mohsin Aziz:

(Notice received on 06-04-2015 at 11:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to extend the Pakistan Railway line to Afghanistan and beyond, if so, whether PC-I has been prepared and route has been identified for the same; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to link Mardan and Nowshera with Peshawar through Railway line?*

Minister for Railways: (a) Yes there is a proposal to link Pakistan Railway with Afghanistan. Two rail links are planned. First, linking Peshawar with Jalalabad and second, linking Chaman (Pakistan) with Spinboldak (Afghanistan). Currently Pakistan Railways has existing line from Peshawar (KPK) – Jamrood (FATA) – Landikotal (FATA) linking Pak-Afghan border at Torkhum (FATA). Pakistan Railways is also carrying out feasibility study to explore the possibility of new alignment through Loi Shalman area from Jamrood (FATA). On finalization of feasibility study, PCI will be prepared.

For the second rail link from Chaman (Pakistan) and Spinboldak (Afghanistan), CDWP has approved PCI of the project.

- (b) Mardan and Nowshera are already linked with Peshawar through railway line.

ISLAMABAD :
The 7th May, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.